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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated March 16, 2004, a Restriction Requirement divides the application into the following two Groups:

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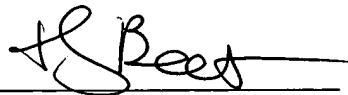
Group I: claims 1 – 5, 10 - 13, and 18, drawn to an offset correction apparatus and method for an optical disk (class 369, subclass 44.32); and ✓

Group II: claims 6 – 9 and 14 - 17, drawn to an optical disk system with tracking control (class 369, subclass 44.25). ✓

According to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, comprising claims 1 – 5, 10 - 13, and 18, without traverse. Applicant reserves his right to file a divisional application relating to the claims of Group II at a later date.

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